

Decoration Day Program Set At Thickety June 12

Decoration Day will be observed at the Old Thickety Cemetery Saturday, June 12. All who are interested in the upkeep are asked to attend, and help pay for the maintenance. The cemetery now has a good sod of grass, but there is some expense to keep it mowed and in good condition. Saturday, June 19 will be decoration day at Oak Grove cemetery. The Clark's Chapel cemetery has been planted in grass this spring, and will soon be ready for mowing and beautifying. The CDP is sponsoring the work, and will be glad to have the assistance of all those interested in the cemetery, who do not reside in the community.

A number from the community attended the Robinson family gathering held at Camp Hope Sunday. Among them were, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson, Mrs. Mary Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson, Misses Rowena and Estelena Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Henderson and boys, Michael and Stacy, Arnold Robinson of Cullowhee, who spent the week end at his home here, Miss Freda Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris and children, and Mrs. Clinton Holland of Bayou LaBatre, Ala., who is visiting relatives here. Others attending were: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morgan and daughter, Nadina, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kjestad and son, Steve, Mrs. Grady Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Blackwell and family, and Mrs. Claude Blackwell and daughter, Beeky, all of Canton; Warren Kaffitz of Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Robinson and children of Asheville; Joe Lovin and Melita Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hutchinson and Mrs. Maggie Robinson of Candler.

The regular meeting of the CDP was held at the playground Thursday evening. A small group attended and enjoyed a fellowship hour around the open fire. Project plans were discussed, and several of the men agreed to come on Saturday to finish the concrete walkway.

Mrs. Cordelia Clark who suffered a broken hip when she fell several weeks ago, returned from the Memorial Mission Hospital last week. She is gradually recovering, despite her 90 years of age. While

My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

Churches often become highly resentful when anything is said about them in public print, so we'll omit the name of this particular church that we're going to talk about. We'll just identify it by saying that it is located in a small town in the coastal country of North Carolina.

The church has a furnished parsonage. When a change of preachers occurred recently, it was found still unable to walk, she is up in her chair some each day.

Miss Annie Rice celebrated her birthday anniversary at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harley Wright. Several friends called and enjoyed the birthday cake with her. She received a number of cards and gifts.

Pfc. Jerry Trantham of Camp Lejeune, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Trantham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Rhinehart and boys, Joe and Phillip, visited relatives in South Carolina the first of the week.

The daily Vacation Bible School opened Monday at the Oak Grove Baptist Church to continue for two weeks. Miss Virginia Parham is serving as principal, and the pastor, the Rev. R. M. Dix, and workers in the church school are assisting. Miss Clara Nix is serving as pianist.

Workers in the various departments are:

Nursery—Mrs. Joyce Carter, Shelby Sorrells and Jean Trantham. Beginners—Mrs. J. R. Sorrells, Mrs. Tom Jimison, Mrs. Troy Willis and Marie Jones.

Primary—Mrs. Lloyd Parham, Sr., Jean Trantham, Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, and Mrs. Ray Whitted. Junior—Mrs. Grady Trantham, Mrs. Clara Belle Lindsey.

Intermediate—Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. Ralph Nix.

A large number of children have enrolled in the school.



ABOVE is a picture of the new officers for the year 1954-55 of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. They were elected at the State Convention held at Hotel Charlotte in Charlotte, Saturday, June 5th. Seated left to right: Mrs. Lucy Rhodes Duncan, Smithfield, immediate past president; Mrs. Ruby C. Blythe, Rocky Mount, president; Mrs. Stella H. Spencer, Lenoir, treasurer. Standing: Miss Margaret Johnston, Waynesville, second vice-president; Miss Lois Frazier, Greensboro, first vice-president; Mrs. Louise Green Felton, Rocky Mount, corresponding secretary; Miss Mollie Hart, Kinston, recording secretary; Mrs. Grace Folger, Goldsboro, assistant recording secretary.

that the new pastor wouldn't reside in the parsonage but would make his headquarters in a neighboring town, about twelve miles distant.

A meeting of the church board was held and it was decided to rent the parsonage. It wasn't long before a prospective tenant was found and the rent was agreed upon.

But the tenant said he didn't want the furniture in the parsonage because he had furniture of his own.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held a meeting, discussed the matter at some length and finally decided to go around to the parsonage, move all the furniture into one room, keep that room locked and let the tenant have access to the rest of the house.

This was done. A few days later, the new ten-

ant moved in.

He had been there only a short time when he dropped in to see a member of the church board and to lodge a protest. He claimed that he expected to get six rooms at a rental of \$25 a month. One of these rooms had been locked up, leaving only five. Therefore, he claimed that there ought to be a reduction in his rent.

Another meeting of the church board was held that same night and they realized the justice of the man's claim. So they told one of the members to see the Ladies' Auxiliary and find out whether the furniture couldn't be moved to some other place.

The ladies were glad to be of assistance. They scouted around the town and found a vacant store building which had formerly been used as a postoffice. They saw the owner and asked permission to stack up the parsonage furniture within this space. Permission was given and the furniture was moved.

Which made everything lovely. But two weeks later, the owner of the property called on the ladies. He said he had an opportunity to rent the store building and that the furniture would have to be moved unless the ladies were willing to pay something.

The ladies said they didn't have any money.

"Well," said the owner, "you'll have to move the furniture."

"But where can we move it?" inquired one of the women.

The owner shrugged his shoulders, as though to intimate that that was their little problem, and not his.

The ladies made a thorough investigation of all vacant property in the town but couldn't find another available place where the furniture might be moved.

So they gave this information to a member of the church board, who promptly called a meeting of the full board.

Some of the members, by that time were getting rather sick and tired of the furniture business, but they agreed to hold another meeting and see what could be done.

The meeting was held. It was obvious that there wasn't a suitable

place where the furniture could be stored. It also was obvious that some action would have to be taken immediately or else the furniture would be thrown out of the building where it was being stored.

They talked over the matter for an hour or more. Finally, one member rose to his feet and said: "Gentlemen, I think I have a solution to our problem."

The others waited expectantly. "Let's store it in the church," he said. "It's the only thing we can possibly do."

"But where in the world would we put it all?" asked another member.

"Put it down the two side aisles," said the first speaker. "Nobody ever uses the side aisles anyway."

They talked a while longer and then agreed that the suggestion was a good one.

And so, the following day, they got a truck, dragged all the furniture out of the building where it had been stored and moved it into the church.

Our informant tells us that the church, in its present state, presents a most interesting picture. Down one aisle you can see two dismantled beds, mattresses, springs and other bedroom furniture. Down the other aisle are a number of chairs, tables, pictures, kitchen utensils and so on. One piece is piled up on another, without much attention being paid to arrangement. In some places they reach almost up to the ceiling.

All that's been several weeks ago. Sunday school and regular services have been held in the church regularly since then. At first, church-goers regarded the unusual display with some degree of interest, but now nobody pays any attention to it whatsoever.

Cupid Has Room
NEW ULM, Minn. (AP) — For the past 20 years, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sallet have rented a room in their home. Nine consecutive occupants have left after getting married.

The ninth roomer, Miss Charlotte West, a kindergarten teacher, became Mrs. Hobart H. Anderson.

Campaign Launched For Reducing Forest Fires

It's time to get outdoors again and the annual campaign by the Forestry Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to prevent forest fires is being stepped up.

This year an effort is being made to enlist the cooperation of the nation's youths as well as adults. Business firms also are being called upon to help. For example, arrangements have been completed for color display pieces depicting an appeal by Smokey Bear, official symbol of the fire-prevention campaign, to be displayed in A&P Stores across the land.

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company also is cooperating in the campaign to enlist the cooperation of the nation's youths by offering a Smokey Bear belt as a premium in its stores in conjunction with the purchase of Ann Page brand of beans or prepared spaghetti. Each youth who obtains one of these is eligible to receive an official Junior Forest Ranger kit from Smokey Bear Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Although the Smokey Bear Symbol was conceived in 1945, according to Clinton Davis, Director of Forest Fire Prevention for the Forestry Division, it was not adopted by the Forestry Division as a central figure until 1947, and has been used extensively ever since. There was an average of 210,000 forest fires annually prior to the inauguration of the Smokey Bear campaign. Since then the number has been reduced to an average of 185,000, even though thousands of additional people visit forest and woodland areas every year for picnics, camping, hunting and fishing expeditions.

If it were not for the extensive fire-prevention program, of which the Smokey Bear symbol is the central figure, Davis estimates the number of fires would be running at the rate of between 300,000 and 350,000 annually because of increased use of forest areas. Because fires caused by people run in direct proportion to forest use by the public, we are grateful for as widespread support as possible to bring home the need for keep-

Hollywood Child!

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Carol Koplin, 4, sometimes gets a colored fruit drink as a reward for good behavior, with the understanding that it's a cocktail to be enjoyed with Mom and Dad.

When she appeared on her parent's television show to sing a song, they told her if she sang well she'd get a cocktail after the program.

Carol sang well and as Dad told the audience that Hollywood youngsters were really no different than any others Carol yelled for all to hear, "Daddy, I want my cocktail."

Television Alarm

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Dean W. Moores reports that daily at 4:40 a. m. a woodpecker attacks the television antenna on his home. The unwelcome alarm gives him plenty of wakeful hours to plan woodpeckerside, but so far he has found no answers.

ing down the huge annual loss of our natural resources caused by fires, he said.

Sound Sleep

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Ade Bohnn, snoozing in a rear of his loan company, was arrested by a vigorous pounding on the door.

Sleepily, he admitted police arrested a man found in the basement. The police Bohnn that, while he was in a front window had been ed, the firm's burglar alarm sounded, and the handling company safe had been off with a hammer and

Radar For Weather

RANTOUL, Ill. (AP)— designed especially for observation is being Chanote Air Base. It students and forecasters clouds within a 250-mile radius of the base.

Similar equipment is stalled throughout the States, Brig. Gen. The Moorman, Jr., chief of Force's Air Weather Service

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